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Abstract

A component for use in manufacturing articles, such as printed circuit boards, comprising a laminate constructed of a sheet of copper foil that, in a finished circuit board, constitutes a functional element, and a sheet of carbon steel having a layer of an inert metal thereon, the sheet of carbon steel constituting a discardable element. One surface of the copper sheet and the surface of the inert metal layer on the carbon steel sheet are essentially uncontaminated and engageable with each other at interfaces. The copper sheet is attached to the inert metal layer of the carbon steel sheet at their borders and defines substantially uncontaminated central zones inwardly of the edges of the sheets that are unjoined at the interfaces.

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